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Welcome Guide 2012-2013

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Welcome to Baldock Town Youth Football Club. This welcome pack will hopefully give you an insight to some of the clubs features and facilities. It is also a guide to what you should expect from us and what we expect from all our members (which is our players, and for youth players their parents or guardians) and supporters.

In this pack, you will find information on:

- Club information
- The FA Respect Campaign
- What you should expect from us
- What we expect from you

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Club Information

Baldock Town Youth F.C. was founded in 1988. The club is an unincorporated association, sometimes called a private members' club. Unincorporated associations are a group of individuals who are bound together by the constitution or rules of the club. The club has a committee to run the club. Further guidance in relation to unincorporated associations is included in The FA booklet Guidance Notes for Members Clubs/Unincorporated Entities available from: <http://www.thefa.com>. As a member of the club you are bound by its rules which can be found on our website.

The club presently has over 300 children playing in teams from the under 7 to under 18 age groups as well as a senior ladies team. We also have strong links with Baldock Town Football Club with many of our current and former under 18 players training and playing with the senior club teams. All teams from ages under 10 and upwards play competitive league matches. Teams below this age group play in "friendly" leagues with organised fixtures but no points awarded.

The club is proud of its successes both on and off the field.

Since our first on field success, the U16 League Cup in 1992, we have won 8 division 1 titles and 19 league cups as well as numerous lower divisional titles. Last season we won the Under 18 League Cup and the Under 14 Division 2 title. This season we have a team representing us in Division 1 at every age group. We aim to have at least 2 teams in each age group to ensure we can provide football for players of all abilities. We support all of our teams equally, in terms of facilities and coaching.

Off the field we are proud to be an FA Charter Standard Club. Charter Standard Clubs have to meet certain standards which are assessed by the FA. It means that you can be sure our club provides FA qualified coaches, adheres to FA child protection guidelines and best practise, has qualified first aiders and implements the FA Respect code of conduct.

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The club is run by a committee and other volunteers. For the 2012-13 season the club's officers are:

Chairman – David Nicholson
Vice Chairman – Garry Blyth
Secretary – Donna Anderson
Treasurer – Dale Dewing
Club Welfare Officer – Chris Browning
Director of Football – Peter Berry
Promotions Manager – Bob Angus
Web master– Mark Stanley
Press Officer – Mark Stanley
Training Officer – Caroline Frood
Results Secretary – David Nicholson
Kit and Equipment Officer – Dale Dewing
Baldock Town FC Senior Club Liaison Officer – Peter Berry

Team Managers

U7	Gary Meadows
U8	Bradley Gillham
U9	Ashley Catlin
U10 Templars	Rob Matthews
U11 Templars	Tony Marra
U12 Crusaders	Brad Powell
U12 Templars	Paul Clark
U13 Crusaders	Steve Roberts
U13 Templars	Dale Dewing
U14 Knights	Gareth Stutely
U14 Templars	Simon Allen
U15 Knights	Lee Morly
U15 Templars	Graham Tomlinson
U16 Knights	John Graham
U16 Templars	Adie Hills
U18 Lancers	Mike Foster
U18 Templars	David Nicholson
U18 Crusaders	Peter Harvey
U18 Knights	Paul Bright
Senior Ladies	Donna Anderson

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FA Respect Campaign

We are strong supporters of the FA Respect Campaign

Respect is the FA's programme to address unacceptable behaviour in football – on and off the pitch. On average, 7,000 referees quit football every year because of the abuse they receive from players and from the sidelines. Lots of children also stop playing football because of the attitude and actions of over-enthusiastic parents.

In response, The FA's Respect Campaign provides a series of tools for leagues, clubs, coaches, referees, players and parents from grassroots to elite football to ensure a safe, positive environment in which to enjoy the game.

These tools include agreed codes of conduct; in-service training for referees, Respect club packs, spectator sideline barriers and ensuring captains work with referees to manage player behaviour on the pitch.

The FA has also launched a free online Respect Parent Guide to highlight examples of poor behaviour and, more importantly, how it can be improved. To see the Guide for Parents and Carers, please visit the link for more details.

<http://www.thefa.com/respectguide>

We strongly urge all our members and supporters to take part in an FA Respect soccer parent course.

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What you should expect from us

A safe enjoyable atmosphere in which a player can gain confidence and progress and a friendly social club that you can be proud to be a part of.

We have enjoyed great success over the years and have expansive facilities including the Astro Turf Pitch at Knights Templar Sports Centre which is used for winter training and membership of Avenue Park Sports and Social Club, a facility which we use for fundraising and social events as well as our meetings. We have great relationships with all of the local schools and the District Council for use of their facilities (mainly football pitches) in the town.

We have a Club Welfare Officer who ensures all our officers and anyone else working with our players are CRB checked. Our Training Officer ensures that our coaches have up-to-date training to ensure each individual gets the most from the club. All our teams are coached by at least FA level 1 coaches. Many of them enjoy coaching from level 2 and even level 3 coaches. We support the development of our coaches financially and we are members of the Hertfordshire Coaches Association

We also have a strong social calendar which includes:

- A club 5 a side weekend
- Club outings to local league clubs
- Quiz and Race nights
- Many other fund raising events

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What we expect from you

We expect the highest level of standards whether just a spectator or part of the team support, this encompasses the FA respect campaign and our own rules which should be read in full.

The number of teams we can run and the quality of training we can offer is dependent on your support. We do not employ professional managers or coaches. We rely on the dedication of parents and other volunteers to run our teams and to help with training and at matches. As a club we offer free level 1 FA training courses to anyone who is interested in managing a team, and free referee courses to those who will provide refereeing on match days.

If you are unable to qualify as a coach, run a team as a manager or qualify as a referee there are many other (non football) roles.

Teams need support at matches, where you can help by putting up (and taking down!) nets and goals, running the line (for which training is also available), or perhaps training as a first aider. Or maybe you could write up the team's match reports, or act as a team admin on our web site.

Financially we raise money through our registration fees, fund raising events and sponsorship. This money pays for the facilities we use and the kit and equipment our teams need. No-one at our club benefits from the money we raise. We are all volunteers and all our money goes on providing football for local youth.

It is important that all fees are paid on time. Players are responsible for their own fines and we expect these to be paid within 14 days. Fines include red and yellow cards as imposed by the FA, as well as any other fines imposed by the FA, the league or the club. Players should look after and respect any club property, including team kit, and ensure this is returned at the end of the season.

The club needs people who can help with fundraising, from organising quiz nights and trips to football matches, to helping with our presentation events and 5 a side days.

The club are always in need of sponsorship for which there are packages available. The main area is kit sponsorship. This offers a great way of year round advertising for your business and is essential for the long term success of our teams.

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The main focus for our club is that children should play football the right way and enjoy themselves. They should be learning in a fun and safe environment and be receiving coaching from adults with a minimum of an FA Level 1 coaching badge. There should be no pressure for results and there will not be a win at all costs mentality.

We have tried to give you a feel for the club. More information can be found on our website <http://www.baldocktyfc.co.uk> including:

- Club constitution
- Committee members contact details
- Club venues
- Club rules and policies

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